

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

Date **APR 8 1998**

From: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A)

Subj: Class Deviation from the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulations (VAAR)

To: Deputy Secretary (001)

THRU: Acting Assistant Secretary for Management (004) *SRA*

1. In accordance with VAAR 801.404, Class deviations, your approval is requested to deviate from VAAR 806.304, Approval of the [sole source] justification. This deviation is requested so that authority to execute sole source justifications may be brought into line immediately with the current provisions at FAR 6.304 as a result of the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996. A permanent change to the VAAR is currently in process.

2. The following deviation is requested: Justifications as specified in FAR 6.304, prepared in accordance with FAR 6.303, will be approved as follows:

(a) For a proposed contract not exceeding \$500,000, by the contracting officer in accordance with FAR 6.304(1).

(b) For a proposed contract over \$500,000 but not exceeding \$10,000,000, by the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate (806.501(b)). However, if the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate is also the contracting officer, approval will be made by the Agency Competition Advocate (806.501(a)).

(c) For a proposed contract over \$10,000,000 but not exceeding \$50,000,000, by the Agency Competition Advocate (806.501(a)).

(d) For a proposed contract over \$50,000,000, by the Senior Procurement Executive (see 802.100).


(e) Class justifications as specified in FAR 6.304(c) will be approved by the Agency Competition Advocate when the estimated total dollar value of the class is any amount up to \$50,000,000. Class justifications will be approved by the Senior Procurement Executive when the estimated total dollar value of the class is over \$50,000,000.

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Deputy Secretary (001)


3. This class deviation will streamline the sole source justification approval process with lower level empowerment to the maximum extent practicable while maintaining adequate separation of function as currently provided for in the VAAR.

4. Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.


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Attachments

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:


Hershel W. Gober
Deputy Secretary

4-29-98
Date